IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

John J. LEONARD et al.

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APPARATUS AND METHOD FOR TESTING A CONTAINER

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AMENDMENT AND REPLY **TO OFFICE ACTION MAILED OCTOBER 15, 2003**

MAL STOP NON-FEE AMENDMENT Commissioner for Patents P. O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

The Applicants submit the following Amendment and Reply to the Office Action mailed October 15, 2003. A shortened statutory period for reply is set to expire on January 15, 2003, which is three (3) months from the mailing date of the office action. Since this Amendment and Reply is being timely submitted within this shortened statutory period, no extension of time and associated fee are necessary.